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Traffic crash closes portion of Kūhiō Highway on Friday

KĪLAUEA— A portion of Kūhiō Highway in Kīlauea was closed in both directions for two and half hours on Friday following a traffic collision.

According to a preliminary report, at approximately 1:38 p.m. on Friday, a collision occurred at the intersection of Kūhiō Highway and Pili Road in Kīlauea. An on scene investigation revealed that a southbound Honda SUV, operated by a 39-year-old female of Kīlauea, attempted to make a left turn onto Pili Road when it was struck by a northbound Kia SUV operated by a 69-year-old male of Kalihiwai.

The 39-year-old female sustained critical injuries and was transported to Wilcox Hospital and later transferred to Queens Hospital on O'ahu. The 69-year-old male and his two juvenile passengers sustained minor injuries and were transported to Wilcox Hospital.

While speed does not appear to be a factor, blood results are pending to determine if alcohol or drugs were contributing factors.

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